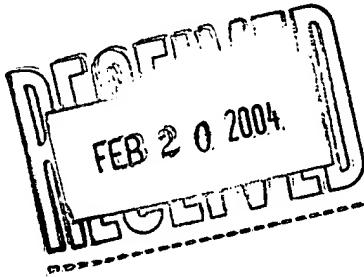




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In re Application of :  
Strassmann, Liang, Topouzis :  
Application No. 09/305,989 :  
Filed: May 6, 1999 :  
For: Methods of Treating :  
Diabetes :  
: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is in response to the "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a)," filed January 11, 2001 (Certificate of Mailing date January 9, 2001).

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application. Specifically, the declaration by Ms. Zacharakis clearly establishes that the non-signing inventor, Mr. Strassman, received the application papers and refused to sign the declaration.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After the mailing of this decision, this will be forwarded to Group Art Unit 1648 for further processing.

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